

OLD CITY GATES
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA.
St. John's Co.

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CITY GATES
St. George Street and Fort Marion Circle
St. Augustine, St. Johns County
Florida

Owner: Not given.

Date of Erection: 1743 (begun).

Architect and Builder: Spaniards.

Materials of Construction: Coquina.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

HISTORICAL DATA

CITY GATES OF SAINT AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

CITY GATES of St. Augustine, Florida, are made of coquina rock, ^{were} and [^] begun in the year 1743 and completed about 1756. Part of the defense structure running from the Sebastian River to Fort Marion. A moat in front of the gates. The tablet erected by the Colonial Dames placing it at 1804 is obviously wrong. (Source: George Fairbanks, History and Antiquities of St. Augustine, p. 156).

Grim reminders of those days when the Spaniards were struggling to defend Florida against threatened invasion, the old CITY GATES of America's oldest city, lend an atmosphere of romantic interest to all who pass within its portals. Those who stop to examine it will find a tablet with the following inscription: "These gates were begun as a defense against the English in 1743 during the reign of King Philip V of Spain. In 1804 the gates were rebuilt of coquina by Antonio Arredondo, Royal Engineer of Spain. This tablet erected by the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, Resident in Florida, 1906."

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